

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 18 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Landauer (U.S. Patent No. 4,142,070); and objected to claims 2-9 and 19-23. In addition, the Examiner allowed claims 10, 12-17. These rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, and 20-23.

2. The applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 2 and amended claim 18 to include all of the limitations of claim 19. As amended, the applicant believes that these claims overcome the present rejection of claims 1 and 18 and overcomes the objection of claims 3-9 and 20-23.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, and 20-23 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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